

Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center Press Release

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For immediate Release:

Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center was informed on Friday April 3rd, 2020, that the Matagorda County Medical Officials have confirmed one additional positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Matagorda County.

We continue to work with every testing site to keep the public informed concerning the number of positive cases.

The current number of positive cases in Matagorda County is 36.

For a dashboard of all positive cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Matagorda County or if you would like more information on the cases please visit:

<https://www.matagordaregional.org/covid19>

As of 2pm April 2nd, 2020 Matagorda County is under a Mandatory Shelter in Place Order and Teen Curfew.

Matagorda County Judge Nate McDonald, Bay City Mayor Robert Nelson, and Palacios Mayor Glen Smith are working closely with each other to ensure the health and safety of our citizens and visitors.

The intent of the Mandatory Shelter in Place Order is to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling essential services to continue, to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Tasks essential to your health and safety or to the health and safety of family or house-hold members are allowed under this Order, examples are foods and medicines. This Order also allows workers to report to work and for you to take care of family members or pets in another house-hold.

In an effort to fully inform the citizens of Matagorda County on the locations of the positive COVID-19 cases, we have compiled a list of the communities. This list has been reported to the Matagorda County Emergency Operations Center.

We hope this helps in convincing every Matagorda County residents including our visitors to follow the Mandatory Shelter in Place Order.

The Communities are:

Bay City, Wadsworth, Palacios, Matagorda, Van Vleck, and Blessing.

Again these numbers are provided to the Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center from the different medical stations.

The medical staff at the hospital continues to stress to those positive cases, you must protect anyone living in the same house. The COVID-19 virus is expected to live up to 4 days on many surfaces, and even longer in some cases. Clean regularly and please protect your loved ones.

If anyone has questions concerning our 5 School District ISD's please visit their web pages. Each School has the best information concerning our students on the web or contact the school personally for individual questions.

Should you need any additional information concerning the virus, please feel free to call 211 and you will be able to ask questions.

If you have questions for the Emergency Management Team, please email [**covid19@co.matagorda.tx.us**](mailto:covid19@co.matagorda.tx.us)

Visit the Matagorda County web site for any posted releases.

[**http://www.co.matagorda.tx.us/page/matagorda.Emergency**](http://www.co.matagorda.tx.us/page/matagorda.Emergency)

Patient and case-specific information disclosed in this release represents the extent to which any MCHD official and the Matagorda County Emergency Operation Center personal can appropriately respond.

The Matagorda County Emergency Management team continues to work closely with the State of Texas Emergency Operations Center, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and the Matagorda County Hospital District, the Palacios Medical Center, MEHOP and our local physicians.

Continue to practice good hygiene by washing your hands regularly, avoid touching your face, sneeze and cough into a tissue and disinfect frequently used items and surfaces regularly.